

DRY DOCK, PUGET SOUND, WASHINGTON.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation for the construction of the dry dock, Puget Sound, Washington, submitted by the Secretary of the Navy.

DECEMBER 17, 1892.—Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
December 15, 1892.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of appropriation, \$300,000, for the construction of the dry dock, Puget Sound, Washington, authorized by the naval act of March 2, 1891 (26 Stat., p. 804), as submitted by the Secretary of the Navy under date of the 13th instant.

Respectfully, yours,

CHARLES FOSTER,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, December 13, 1892.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, for transmission to Congress, an estimate prepared by the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, for completing the dry dock at Puget Sound, for the construction of which an appropriation of \$300,000 was made in the naval appropriation act approved March 2, 1891.

The necessity of this additional appropriation is fully explained in a communication, under date of the 12th instant, to this Department,

from the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, a copy of which is also herewith inclosed.

The early completion of this work is of the greatest importance, and it is hoped that the additional appropriation required may be made during the present session of Congress.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully,

B. F. TRACY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS,
NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., December 12, 1892.

SIR: Referring to the act making appropriations for the naval service and for other purposes, approved March 2, 1891, I have the honor to invite attention to the following item for the Puget Sound dry dock, provided for therein: "That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to have constructed by contract, after public advertisement, upon said land so selected, for naval and commercial purposes, a dry dock to be not less than six hundred feet in length; not less than seventy feet in width at bottom of entrance, and capable of admitting vessels drawing thirty feet of water; the cost of said dry dock not to exceed seven hundred thousand dollars, of which the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for use during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two."

In pursuance of the above act and authority the Bureau, on the 4th, April, 1892, invited proposals for said dry dock, to be opened the 5th day of July, 1892, the result of which being unsatisfactory to the Department, proposals were again publicly invited on the 8th day of August, and opened the 10th day of September, 1892, and after a careful examination and consideration of all the proposals, the contract for the construction of the said dry dock was awarded, by order of the Department, to Messrs. Byron Barlow & Co., of Tacoma, Wash., at their offer of \$491,465.

The contract having been concluded since the Bureau's annual estimates were submitted to the Department, and considering the fact that if an additional appropriation for carrying on the construction of the dock under the contract, and other work incidental thereto, is not made at the present session of Congress, necessary funds will not be available until after the meeting of the Fifty-third Congress, the Bureau begs to request that in addition to the appropriation of \$200,000, provided by the act of March 2, 1891, the sum of \$300,000 to continue work on the dry dock, and for other necessary works incidental thereto, be asked for of Congress during the present session, per estimate herewith submitted.

In addition to the sum of \$491,465, which the contract provides for, there will be required funds for the several items enumerated in the estimate submitted.

Very respectfully,

N. H. FARQUHAR,
Chief of Bureau.

The SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

Supplemental estimate of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, by the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department.

General object (title of appropriation), detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.	Amount appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1892.
<p>Dry dock, Puget Sound, Washington:</p> <p>To continue the construction of a timber dry dock at the Puget Sound U. S. Naval Station, Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Wash. (which the act approved March 2, 1891, authorized the Secretary of the Navy to have constructed, by contract after public advertisement, for naval and commercial purposes, at a cost not to exceed \$700,000, for beginning the work of which the sum of \$200,000 was appropriated by said act), and for erecting office building, water-closets and sheds; approaches to dry dock; rent of quarters for civil engineer and inspector; pay of superintendents, inspectors, and draftsman; necessary dredging; cleaning and clearing up station; incidental expenses; unforeseen emergencies and contingent expenses (Mar. 2, 1891, Vol. 26, p. 804, sec. 1)</p>	\$300,000.00	\$210,000.00

